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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA: DEMARCHE ON U.S. REQUEST TO EXTEND 100  
PERCENT CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION DEADLINE

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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Sri Lanka Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director of United Nations and Multilateral Affair Sumedha Ekanayake April 25 on the U.S. request to extend the 100 percent chemical weapons destruction deadline under the terms of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). Sumedha commented that Sri Lanka generally supports the U.S. position on the CWC and sees no problem with supporting a deadline extension.  
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